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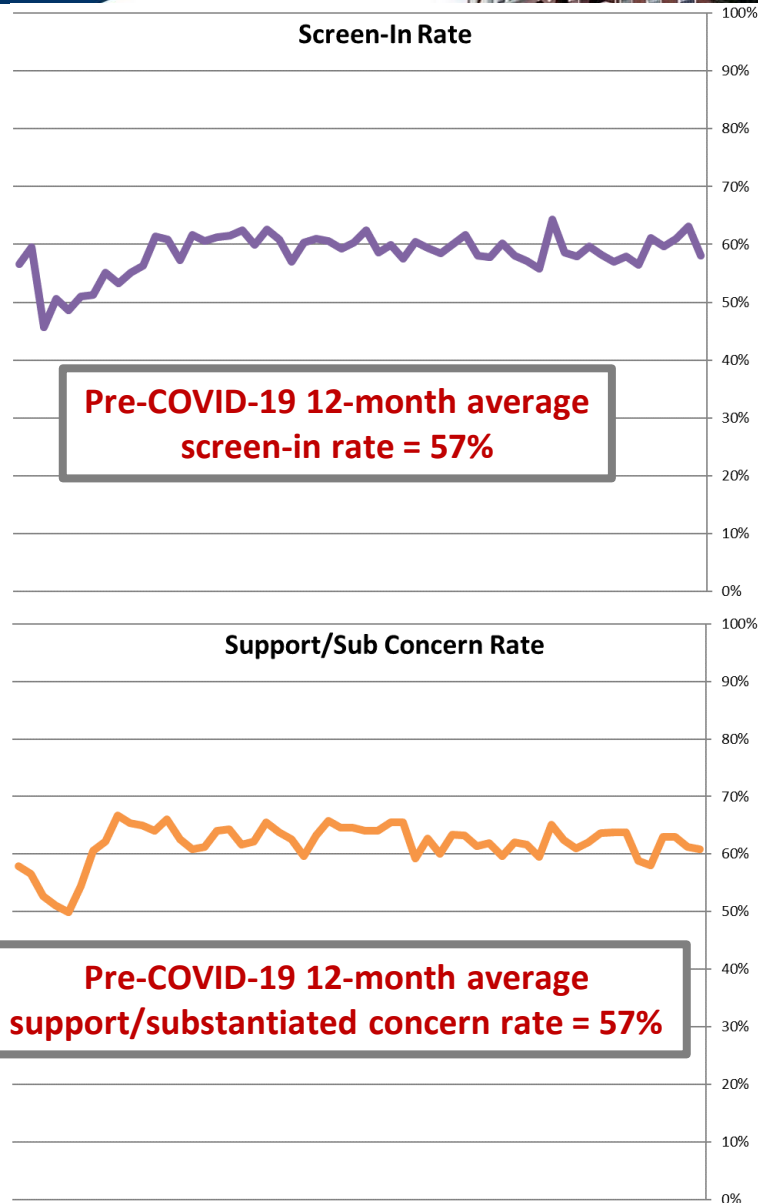
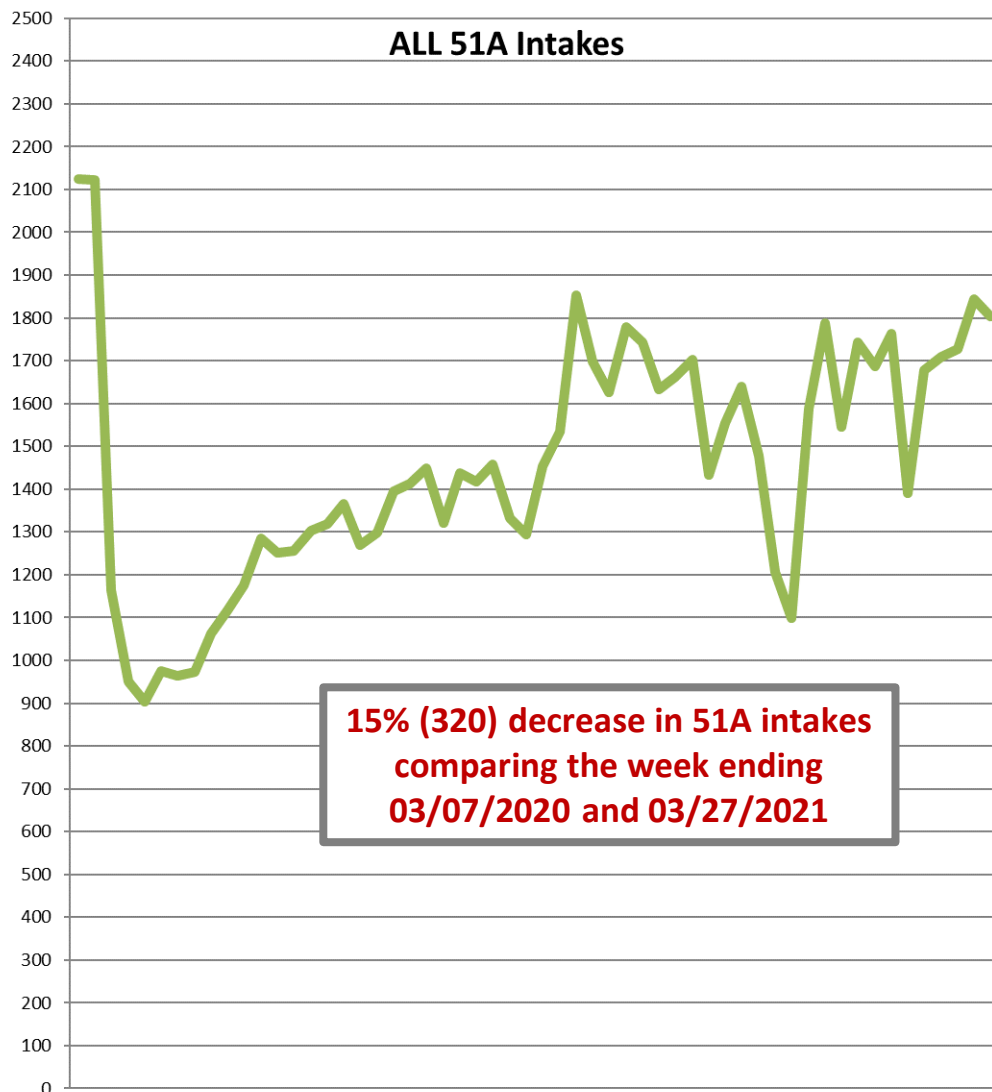
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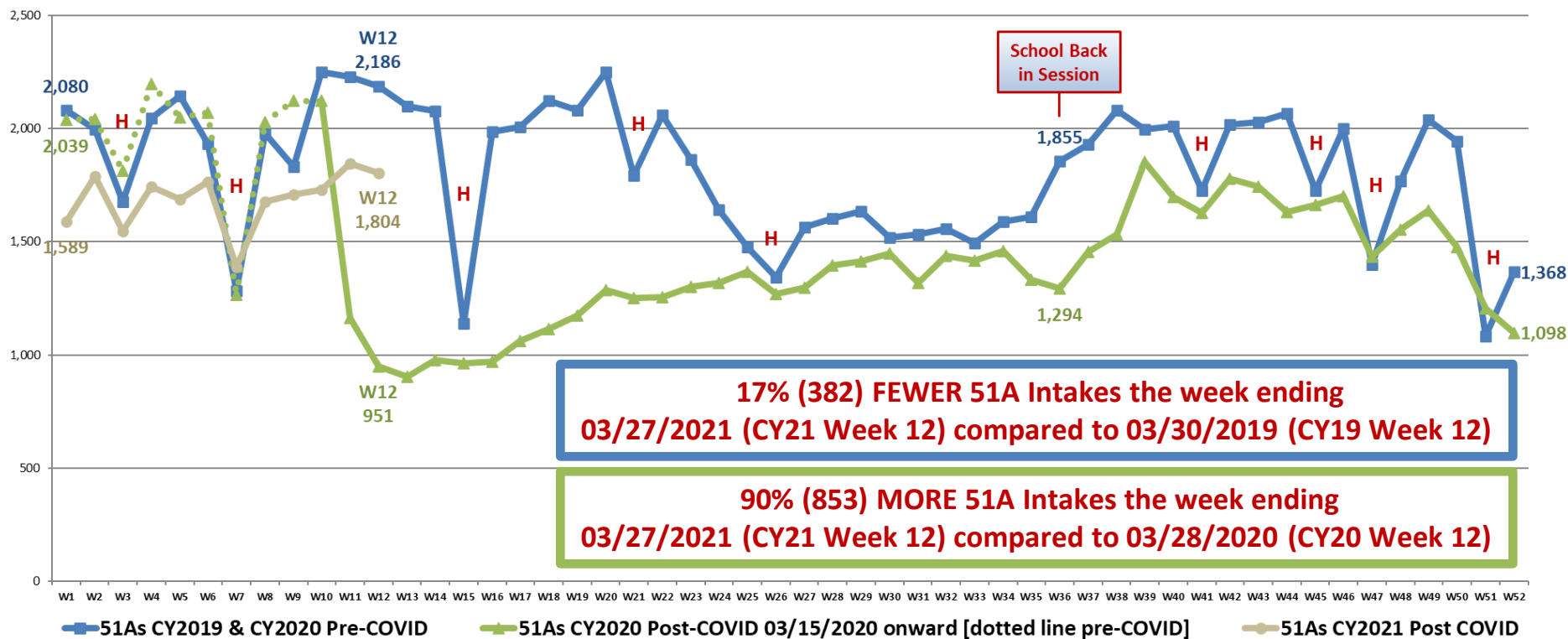
51A Intakes Pre vs Post COVID-19

03/01/2020 to 03/27/2021 (56 weeks)





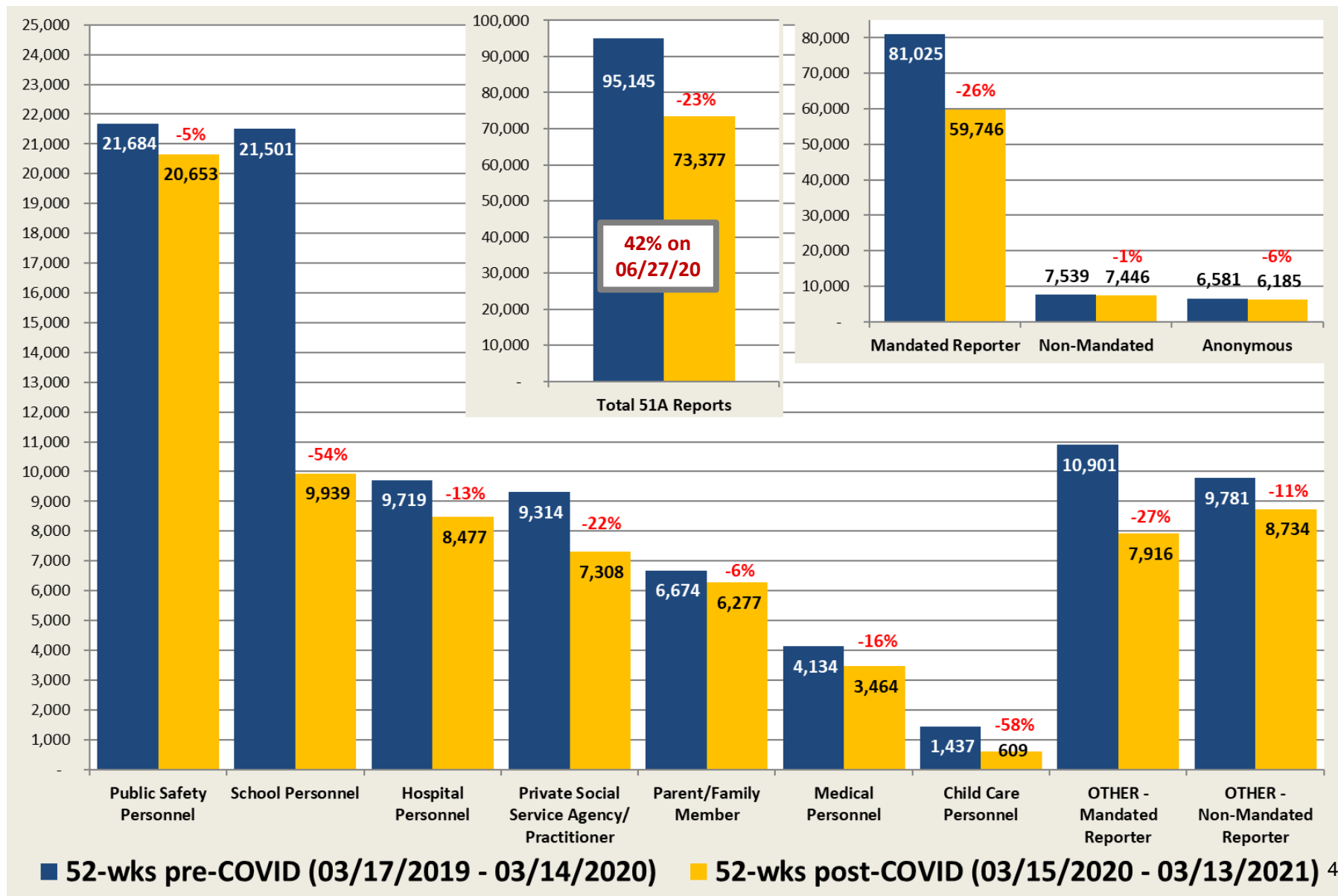
51A Intakes Pre vs Post COVID-19 Comparing CY2019, CY2020, and CY2021



- While 51A Intake counts post COVID-19 remain lower than corresponding report rates pre COVID-19, counts show signs of convergence in CY2021.

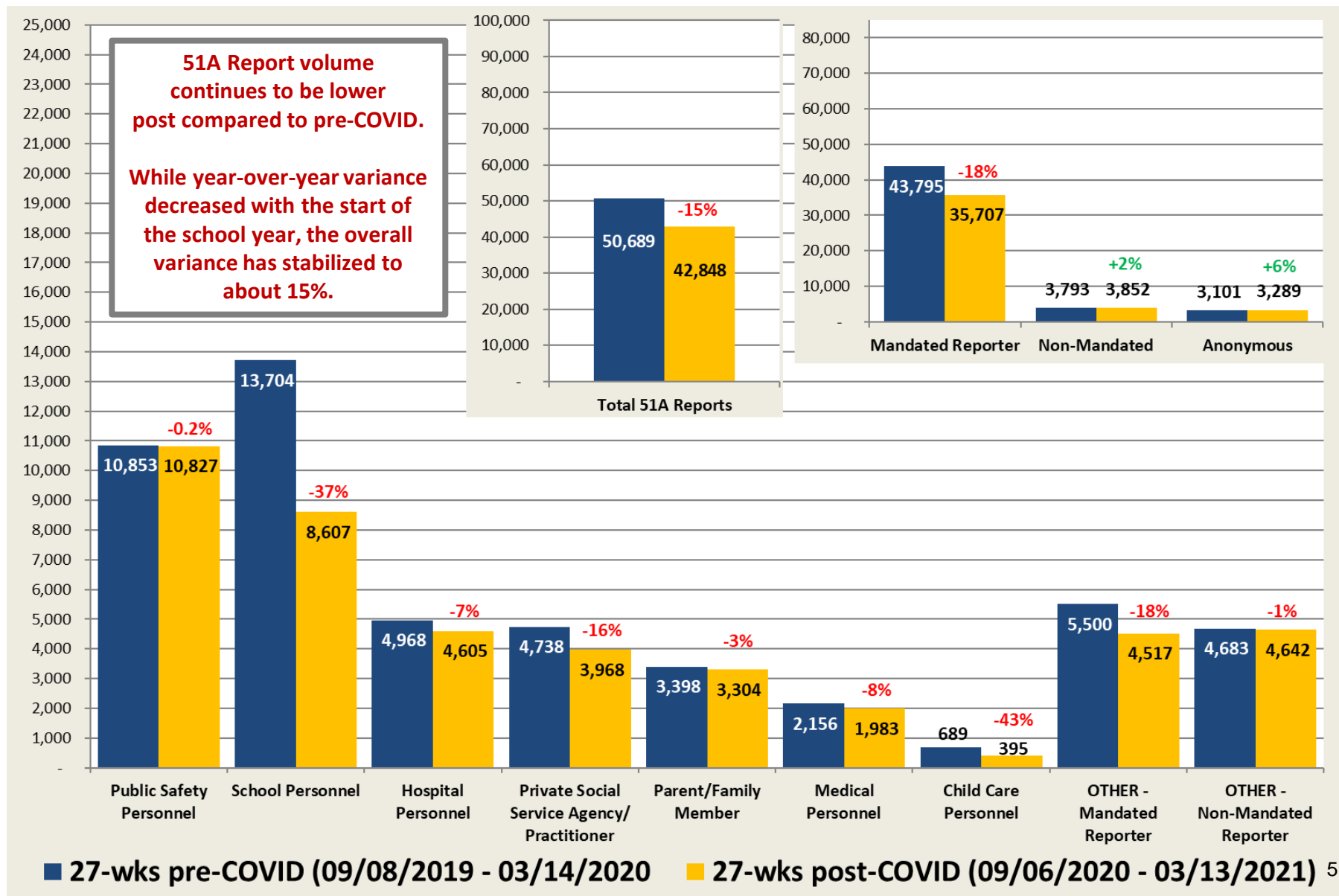


51As have decreased by 23%, especially from mandated reporters





51As have decreased by 15% during the 2020-21 School Year

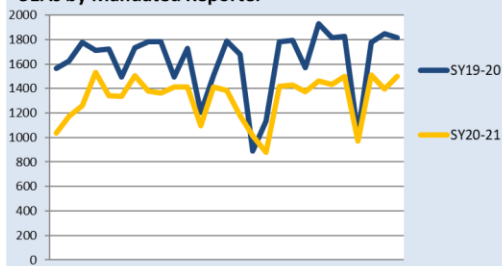




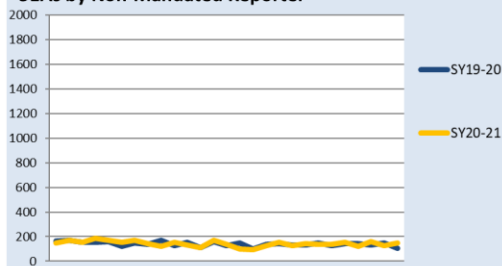
51As by Reporter Type and Source - 2020-21 School Year compared to 2019-20 (27-weeks)



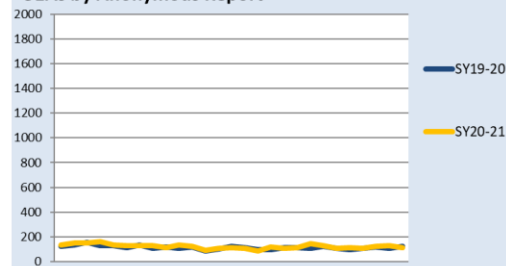
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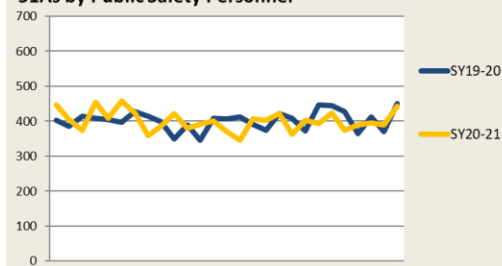
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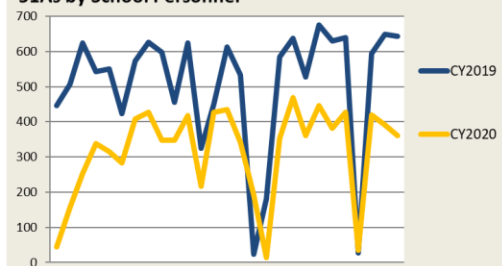
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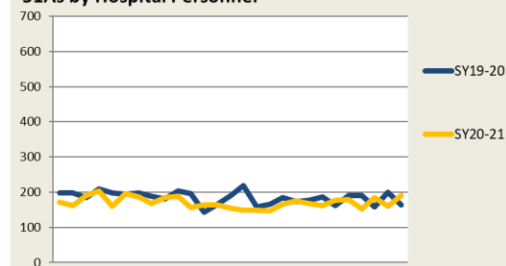
51As by Public Safety Personnel



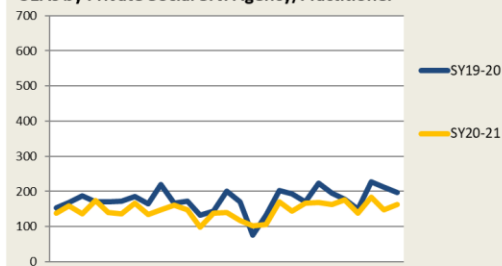
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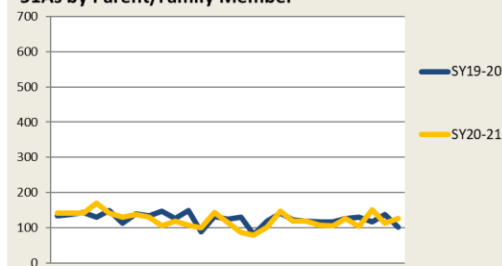
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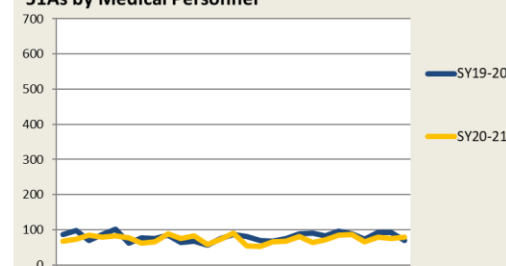
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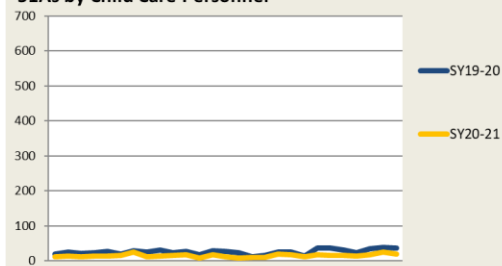
51As by Parent/Family Member



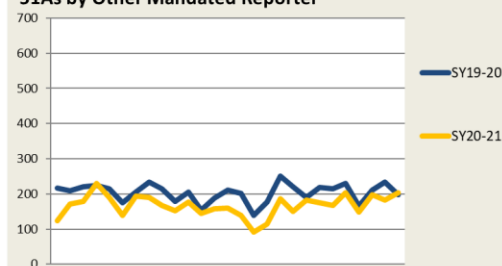
51As by Medical Personnel



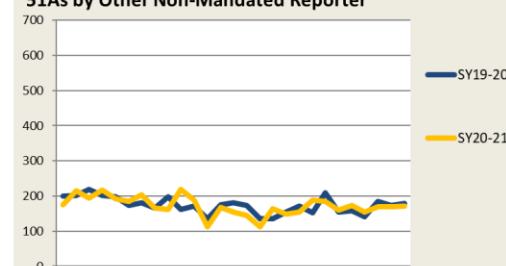
51As by Child Care Personnel



51As by Other Mandated Reporter



51As by Other Non-Mandated Reporter



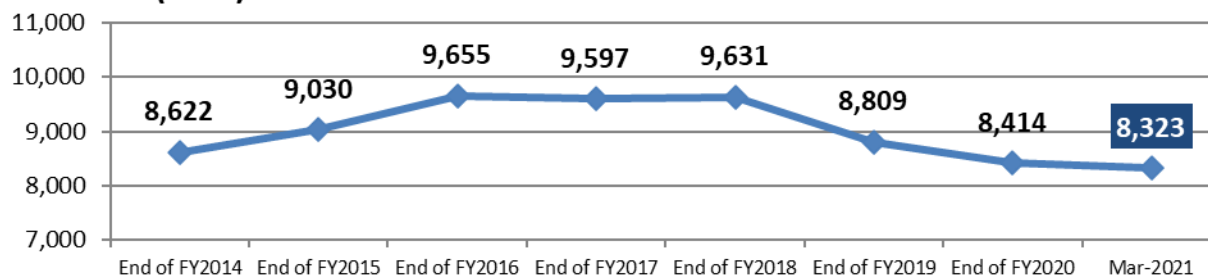


Children (0-17) in DCF Placement

All Placement Types



Children (0-17) in Placement



- The number of children in DCF placement at fiscal year-end decreased by 9% (-822) from FY18-19, and by 4% (-395) from FY19-20.
- As of 3/31/2021, the placement count is 1.1% (-91) less than the count at the end of FY20.

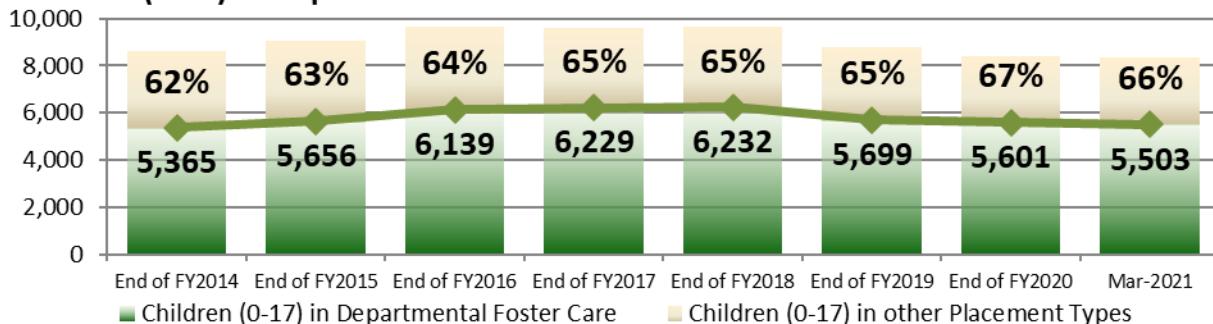


Children in DCF Placement

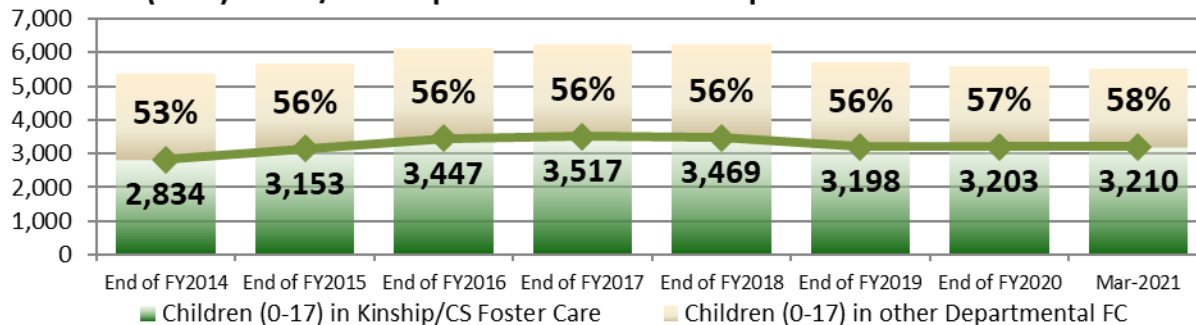
Departmental FC: Non-Kinship and Kin/Child Specific



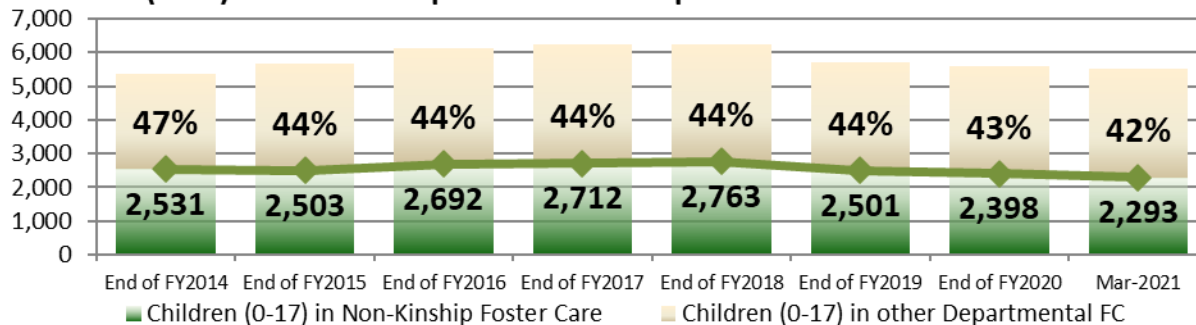
Children (0-17) in Departmental FC as a % of All Placements



Children (0-17) in Kin/Child Specific FC as a % of Departmental FC



Children (0-17) in Non-Kinship FC as a % of Departmental FC



- As of 3/31/2021, there were 5,503 children placed in a family setting (i.e., Departmental Foster Care).
- While the overall number of children in DCF placement has decreased, the proportion placed in Departmental Foster Care (DFC) has increased to 66-67%.
- As of 3/31/2021, there were 3,210 children placed in a Kinship/Child Specific Departmental FC family setting.
- Recognizing that children/youth experience fewer placement disruptions and achieve greater well-being when placed with kin, the Department has increased the proportion of children placed with kin to 58% of all Departmental FC.
- As of 3/31/2021, there were 2,293 children placed in a Non-Kinship Departmental FC family setting.
- As a proportion of children placed in Departmental FC, 42% are living in a non-kin family setting.

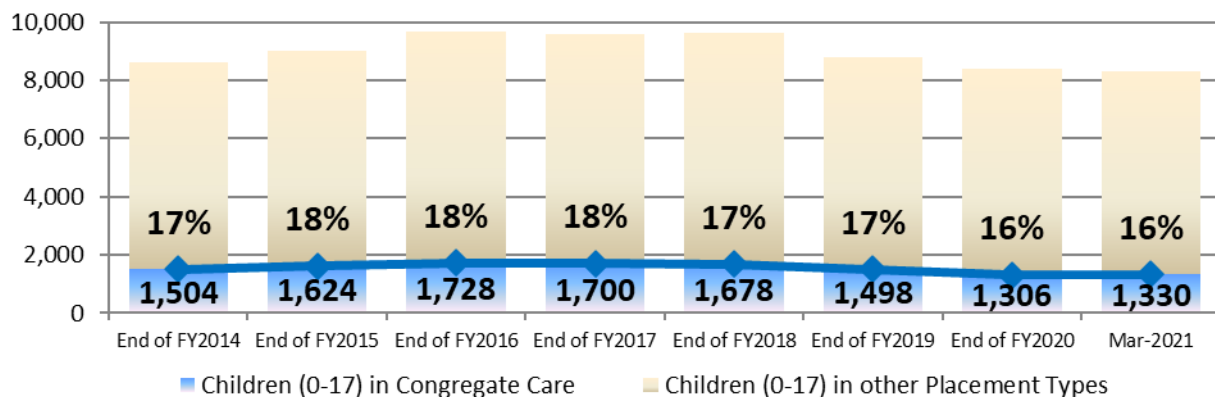


Children in DCF Placement

Congregate Care and Comprehensive Foster Care

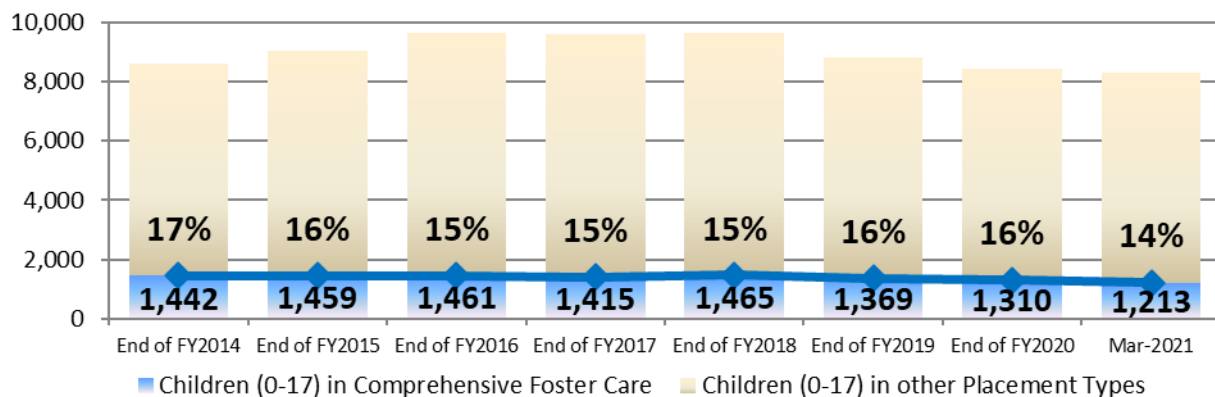


Children (0-17) in Congregate Care as a % of All Placements



- As of 3/31/2021, there were 1,330 children placed in Congregate Care.
- Congregate Care represents 16% of all placement utilization.

Children (0-17) in Comprehensive FC as a % of All Placements



- As of 3/31/2021, there were 1,213 children placed in Comprehensive Foster Care.
- Comprehensive Foster Care now represents 15% of all placement utilization.

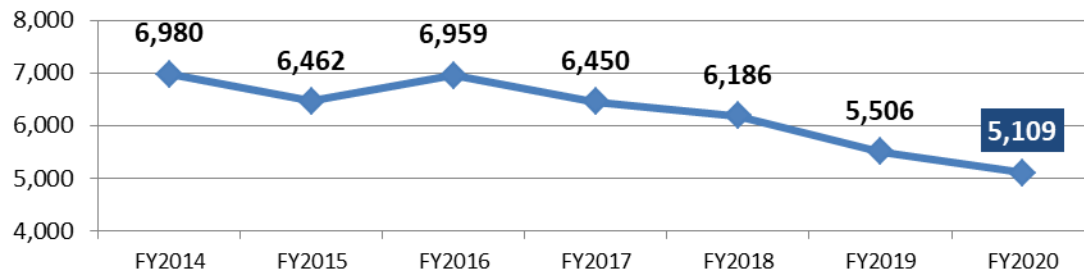
- *These contracted, intensive foster care services are generally provided for children/youth for whom a traditional foster care environment is not suitable or sufficiently supportive.*

Note: Recent monthly counts are not final.



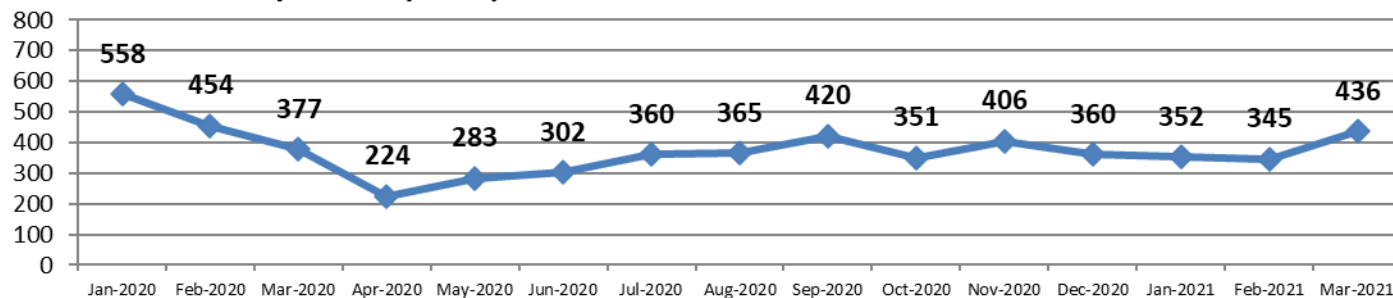
Home Removal Episodes

Home Removal Episodes (HREs)



- Home Removal Episodes (HREs) decreased by 27% (-1,871) between FY14 & FY20.
- Based on 9 months of HREs, a preliminary projection for FY21 suggests a minimum of 4,527 HREs.

Home Removal Episodes (HREs) CY2020 and CY2021-YTD

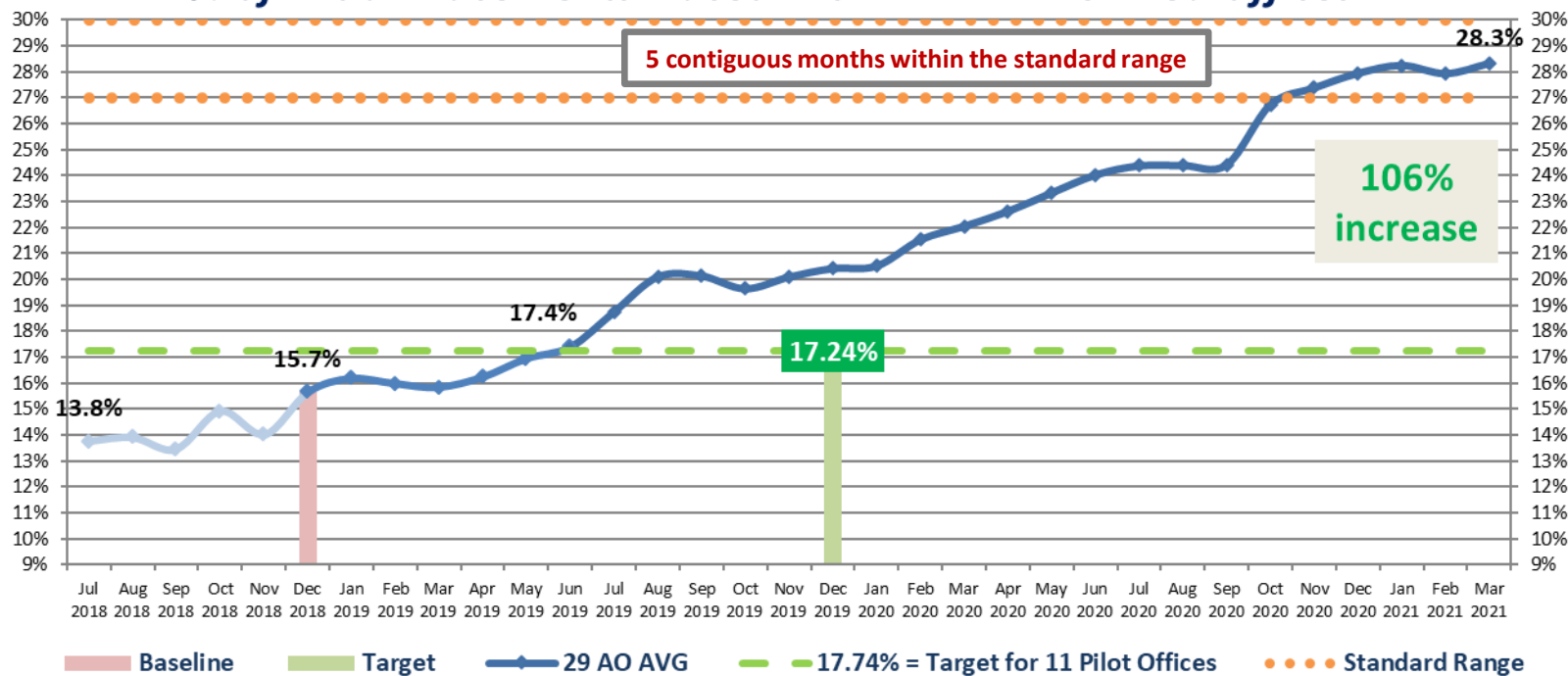




Initial Placement with Kin Kin-First



% of Initial Placements Placed with Kin - ALL 29 Area Offices



- Extending the Kin-First metric across all 29 area offices, a 106% increase in kin as the initial placement was evidenced from Jul-2018 to Mar-2021.
- While no statewide target was established, at 28.3% the Mar-2021 statewide performance exceeds the 17.24% target established for the 11 Pilot Offices, and within the 27-30% standard range.
- Kin placements account for 40% of all out-of-home placements; and 59% of all Departmental Foster Care placements.

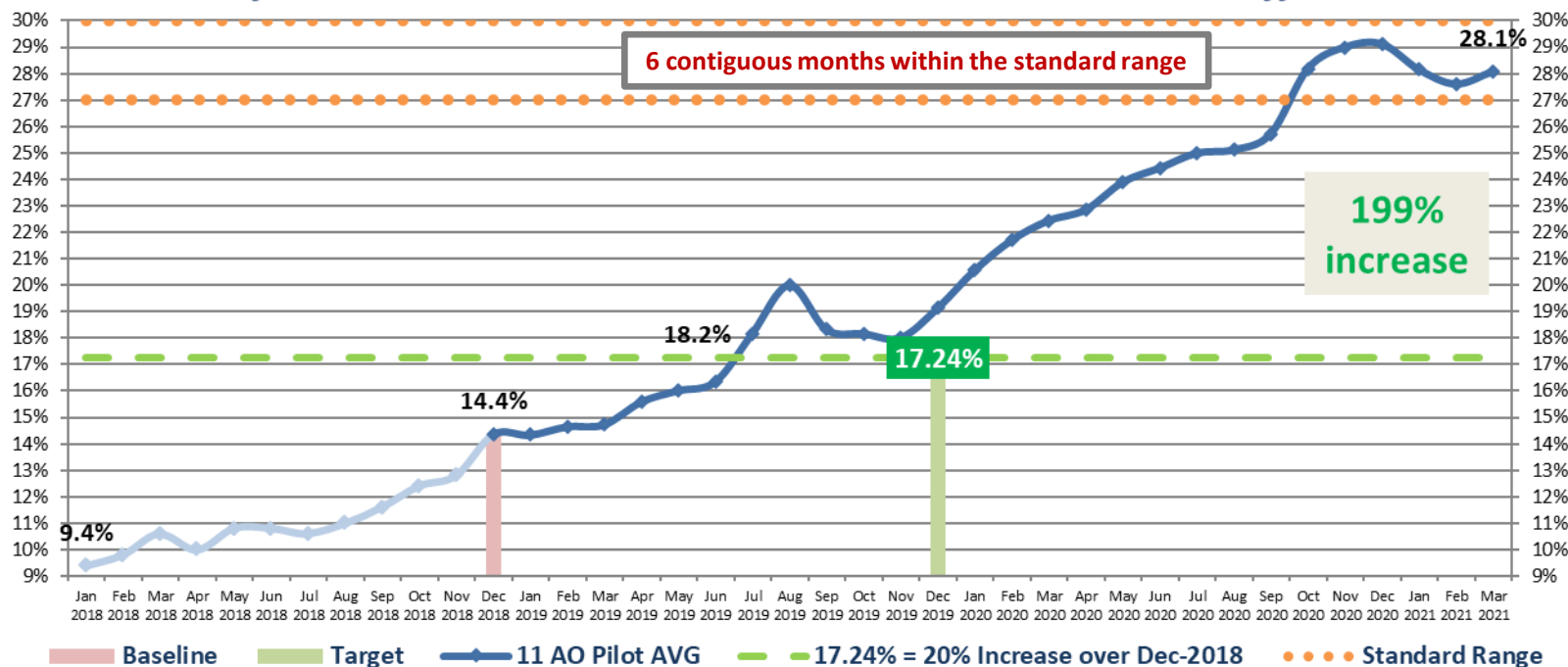


Initial Placement with Kin

Kin-First Pilot



% of Initial Placements Placed with Kin - 11 Pilot Area Offices



- A 199% increase in kin as the initial placement was evidenced from Jan-2018 to Mar-2021.
- At 28.1%, the Mar-2021 performance exceeds the 17.24% target established for the 11 Pilot Offices, and within the 27-30% standard range.



Case Closing Trend Pre vs Post COVID-19 Accounting for Seasonality



CASE CLOSING TREND

Pre vs Post COVID-19

(52 week intervals)

